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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following document to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 9-288,683 to TOSKIKI et al., application published on April 11, 1997, entitled "Information Filtering Device and Information Filtering Method."

A copy of the above-noted publication, as well as an English translation of the abstract, is attached hereto.

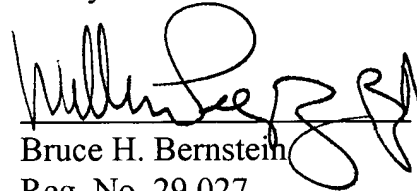
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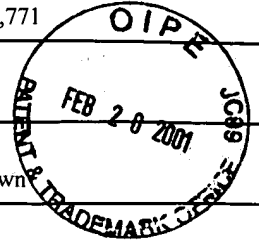
Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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1	English Language Abstract of JP 9-288683.

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